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VILLA BANDITS WELL SCATTERED

HAVE BROKEN UP INTO SMALL
GROUPS—GOOD MANY CAP-
TURED.

Field Headquarters in Mexico, April 21 (by Aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., April 23).—In a week's riding and foot climbing through the hills and canyons of the Guerrero district, a cavalry squadron reported today the discovery of much evidence that the Villa forces in the northern part of Villa's old territory are thoroughly scattered. They found the influence of these bandits, nevertheless, still strong with the people.

Most of the bandits now are living in the mountains in groups of two or three and often singly, taking their food from friends or by threats from peaceful Mexicans. The cavalrymen have captured a good many of these men but it has been extremely difficult to find any evidence on which to hold them as prisoners. Occasionally the bandits make their presence known to the cavalrymen by a few long range shots. Thus far not one American has been hit in the sniping. A motorcycle rider carrying dispatches through a mountainous region had one of the closest calls. Three mounted men, concealed behind an adobe house, which he had to pass, dashed out at him, leaped from their horses and opened fire on him with rifles at 25 yards. They hit the machine but did not damage it. The dispatch rider gained the cover of a gate post opened fire and drove the Mexicans off.

One of the indications of the scattering of Villa bands is the difference noted now in Mexican towns as compared with those places when the troops reached them nearly a month ago. At that time several of the mountain towns were observed to have many young tough looking armed men loitering about the streets. Now few such characters are to be seen anywhere in the towns.

POWERFUL INFLUENCES BUSY TO AVERT BREAK

Washington, April 24.—Indications that powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action by the Berlin Government which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States are understood to be contained in confidential dispatches received today by the State department from Ambassador Gerard. Socialists and labor leaders are represented as being particularly adverse to any such move. Other dispatches from Mr. Gerard were said to contain strong intimations that the Berlin Government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare. It still is uncertain, however, whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad in their scope to meet the American demands.

Officials allowed it to become known that Mr. Gerard's dispatches indicated that Germany would go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States. Mr. Gerard is understood to have gained his views during conversation with Berlin officials, including Foreign Minister Von Jagow. His dispatches are said to emphasize the difficulties by which the German Government is confronted in endeavoring to find a way to meet the demands of the United States without arousing the element which insists upon a relentless submarine warfare against the shipping of the Entente allies.

The State department tonight was awaiting a dispatch from Mr. Gerard reporting the results of a lengthy conference today with Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg. Imperial German chancellor, reported in press dispatches. Officials expressed a particular interest in that part of the press reports which indicated that the reply to the American note would not be made until after the chancellor has another opportunity to confer with the Emperor, who is at the front. The fact that the conference lasted more than an hour was regarded as being a hopeful sign; it being pointed out that if the German Government was disposed not to meet the American demands it was improbable there would have been a discussion of such length. A report from Mr. Gerard is expected tomorrow.

All of Mr. Gerard's dispatches received since the present situation arose are held by Administration officials to be of a highly confidential nature. Consequently only a general knowledge of their contents is obtainable.

TAKING IN THE OPERA.

Mr. Fred Cason went over to Atlanta last Monday and is spending Grand Opera week with his niece, Mrs. T. H. Furman, and is taking in the festivities incident to the big week of music.

PRETTY VISITORS.

Misses Annie Laurie and Mary Frances Andrews of Greenwood, spent Easter Sunday in the city with Miss Mary Hemphill Greene. These little girls are both pretty and bright, their names always appearing on the honor rolls of their schools.

ALLEGES LAWYER CONCEALED FUNDS

J. FRANK CLINKSCALES, ATTORNEY, AND MISS RAY LANGLEY ARE ACCUSED.

(The Greenville News.)

An order has been filed in the federal court requiring J. Frank Clinkscales, a young lawyer of Abbeville, and Miss Ray Langley, daughter of John C. Langley, the bankrupt merchant of Calhoun Falls, who was recently convicted and sentenced to one year for concealing bankrupt assets, to show cause why they should not be made to turn over to the creditors approximately \$2,300 which is alleged to belong to the bankrupt estate. The hearing will be held before Joseph T. Johnson, judge of the western district of South Carolina, at his chambers in Spartanburg, April 29, at 12 o'clock noon.

Judge Johnson granted the order requiring the defendants to show cause upon the petition of Robert S. Owens, trustee in bankruptcy in the John C. Langley estate.

The petitioner alleges that he is informed and believes that a large sum of money belonging to J. C. Langley had been turned over to J. Frank Clinkscales, and on the 14th day of January, 1916, the petitioner alleges that the sum of \$2,300 was deposited in the Independent Trust Company of Charlotte, N. C., by a party giving her name as Mrs. Langley Ray, and a certificate of deposit was issued by said trustee to Mrs. Langley Ray for that sum of money. On the 26th day of January, Mr. J. Frank Clinkscales appeared in person at the trust company and presented the certificate to the company, with an endorsement thereon assigning same to him, which assignment was signed by Mrs. Langley Ray, and thereupon the said trust company paid to Mr. J. Frank Clinkscales the sum of \$300 in cash and gave him a cashier's check for the sum of \$2,000, which cashier's check was returned to the bank and paid by it on February 18, and when paid bore the endorsement of J. Frank Clinkscales.

The petitioner further alleges in paragraph seven that "the said Mrs. Langley Ray, mentioned and described in the said certificate is and was Miss Ray Langley, the daughter of the said J. C. Langley, and the funds so deposited by her were the funds belonging to the estate of the said J. C. Langley." He alleges that this method was used for the purpose of concealing the funds.

WILL WED IN JUNE.

The following notice will be of interest to a number of people in Abbeville, Rev. W. C. Ewart, father of the young ladies, having been pastor of the A. R. P. Church here several years ago:

York, April 13.—Special: Mrs. Alice Ross Ewart, of York, has announced the approaching marriage of her daughters, Misses Marilla and Sophie. Miss Marilla is to be married to the Rev. John Mills Bigham, of Huntersville, N. C., and Miss Sophie to Dr. Charles Brice Draffin, of Columbia. The ceremony will take place in the Yorkville A. R. P. Church on the evening of June 15, and will be performed by the Rev. J. L. Oates, pastor of the local A. R. P. Church. For the past two years Miss Marilla Ewart has been a teacher in the Yorkville Graded School. For the past year or more Miss Sophie has held a position in Columbia. Both young ladies are very popular. The Rev. Mr. Bigham is a minister of the A. R. P. Church at Huntersville. Dr. Draffin is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Columbia.

AN APPRECIATED VISIT.

Our old and valued friend, Mr. Fogg Fleming, of Anteville, was in to see us Saturday. He has just recovered from an attack of the grippe, and he tells us that it pestered him almost as much as the yankies did in the war between the states in which conflict he took an active part.

He brings us the bad news that Mrs. Fleming had the misfortune several days ago to suffer a fracture of the collar-bone from a fall, and that she is suffering from it still. We hope that she will soon recover. She is now seventy-five years of age.

Mr. Fleming tells us that he does not read the newspapers, that "there are too many lies in them," that he contents himself with "searching the scriptures." He told us of several passages which had escaped our notice beforehand.

He is much interested too in the warlike situation which confronts the people of this country. He says, though, that he dislikes to read about it as it gets him excited and he wishes he was twenty again. In case war is declared we would not be surprised to see him on the road to the front with his trusty rifle.

Mr. Fleming has his own views on matters, and these do not always agree with the views of other people. Everyone concedes that he thinks honestly, according to the lights before him, and when he occasionally does not agree with other people, they do not fall out with him, nor he with them. He made a gallant soldier of the sixties, and since then he has lived at home, paid his debts, and made a good citizen, a good husband and a good father. What more can mortal man do?

PLAN BIG ABBEVILLE COUNTY FAIR FOR 1916

Directors of Fair Association Met With Business
Men Monday Evening---Will Offer Attractive
Prizes for Encouragement of Better
Farming---Much Interest.

The directors of the Fair Association and a few business men met in the council chamber Monday night to discuss plans for a real live County Fair this fall. Everyone present expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the last Fair, and recommended that we put forth even greater efforts this coming fall.

By starting in time the farmers can prepare to make exhibits in the various departments and I hope they will start now. We are going to offer more attractive premiums than ever before and it is hoped that every farmer in the county will be a competitor, not in a spirit of trying to make a dollar, but with a determination to excel. We can never make our Fair a real success, until we get away from the idea of trying to make money. That is not the object of a County Fair. In the first place, every farmer in the county should try to plant pure seed and raise good crops and when he does this his neighbors should know about it. A County Fair is the place to advertise your products, meet your friends, get new ideas and have a good time in general.

It was decided at this meeting to spend some money on improvements before we have another fair, such as covering and painting the exhibit building, building more stalls, remodeling grand stand, and working over race track.

Every effort will be made this year to make the Fair a success. If the farmers will go to work and bring the exhibits, the business men of Abbeville will come across with the premium money. The object back of these contributions will be to encourage better farming and stock raising in Abbeville County, and it is hoped that every farmer in the county will show their appreciation by doing his very best.

The Fair this year will be held the first week in November. Friday, Nov. 3rd will be Educational Day and we expect to make this the best day of the fair. A free ticket will be given to every teacher and school child in the County, and we hope to see them all inside the Fair Grounds that day. Beside the Educational benefit to be derived from attending a fair of this kind, there will be fun for everyone.

We are negotiating with one of the big carnival companies to furnish an attractive Midway, and we are planning to have better races than ever before.

We expect to have another meeting in a short time and appoint Committees in the various departments. If any one in the County has any suggestions to make in regard to the appointment of these committees or anything else touching the management of the fair, we would be glad to hear from you.

C. E. Williamson,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Brief Items of Local Interest

ABBEVILLE BOYS GRADUATE

Sanford Howie and Rodney O. Stephens, graduated last week from the Carey High School, at Carey N. C. Both of them did well in their classes and reflected credit on their home town.

Rodney was awarded the Orator's Medal, which was offered by a former student of the High School, Mr. H. P. Smith. He won out over two other contestants for the prize. The medal is a handsome piece of jewelry, about the size of a young moon, cut out of pure gold, and Rodney wears it gracefully.

BURNING 'EM UP.

Mr. T. Gordon White has recently invested in a Ford car and is enjoying life these days in learning the many ways a car can get on a man's nerves. Several days ago he came down his lane on Greenville Street, making time to his farm in the country and though it was a beautiful day and the sun shining brightly, all the lights on his car were burning full tilt. He was getting light on the subject.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The birthday party given by the ladies of the Associate Reformed Church, at the home of Mrs. Tiddy, last Thursday night, was a success in every way. A congenial crowd was present and the time passed pleasantly in conversation, listening to the Victrola and in partaking of the delightful refreshments served. About twenty-five dollars was realized, which will go towards the handsome new organ which the church will install between now and the first of September.

HORTON ON GRAND OPERA.

Col. E. C. Horton went over to Atlanta Monday night to meet Caruso and Geraldine Farrar. They wish to be written up in style. If there is anybody who can do it wrong it is the Colonel. Watch for his Friday's issue.

When Col. Kerr found out we would give Col. Horton this notice, he set 'em up to coca-cola and told us in confidence that he was going too.

RECITAL OF MISS CLINKSCALES.

Mrs. James F. Clinkscales has returned from Limestone College, where she visited last week and attended the graduation recital of her daughter, Miss Alberta Clinkscales. The Gaffney correspondent of the State has the following to say of the recital:

On last Friday evening Miss Alberta Clinkscales gave her graduation recital in expression. Her varied programme from a selection from Shakespeare's "Macbeth" to "George's Soliloquy," showed the range of the gifted reader and the execution of it showed her natural talents and excellent training. Miss Clinkscales' unusual grace never showed to better advantage than in a series of Greek statue poses, a selection which especially delighted the audience.

MR. TILLMAN FOR CONGRESS.

Mr. Henry C. Tillman, of Greenwood, is announced as a candidate for Congress in this issue. Mr. Tillman is a young man of fine character and attainments. He is the senior member of the firm of Tillman & Mays of Greenwood, and has established a reputation as a careful and painstaking lawyer. The voters of this county will take pleasure, we know, in duly considering his claims to preferment when he presents them during the campaign.

CELEBRATING THE 11TH.

Miss Ada Faulkner celebrated her eleventh birthday last Friday afternoon by inviting a party of little friends to her house and entertaining them with games and treating them to party refreshments of delightful cream and cake. The afternoon was pleasantly spent.

THE WIDOWS MITE.

The Bowden-Simpson people are nothing if not up-to-date when it comes to Nunnally's candies. They are displaying now fancy boxes done up in black and white checks, which they say is especially designed for handsome young widows. Being half-mourning it is warranted to please.

FIELD DAY MEET GREAT SUCCESS

IDEAL WEATHER—BIG CROWD—
GAMES GOOD—LIST OF PRIZE
WINNERS.

The Abbeville County School Field Meet which had to be abandoned on Friday, April 7th, was held last Saturday. The weather for this day proved to be all that could be desired. A large crowd was present at the Fair Grounds.

Due West carried off the honors of the day winning the highest number of points 45, and McCormick was second with 36. This entitled Due West to the banner which is offered to the school winning this meet.

Besides winning the field meet Due West also won two games of baseball from Abbeville, one game in the morning between grammar grades, and another in the afternoon between the high school boys.

The following are the winners in the different events of the track meet. Prizes were given to all the first winners. These prizes were either \$1.00 in cash or something with a \$1.00 value, and were all given by the merchants of Abbeville.

220 yard race for boys under 15 years old: 1st, Hoyt Wham, Abbeville; 2nd, Metz Harmon, McCormick; 3rd, Leslie Knox, Anteville.

One-third mile race for boys over 15 years old: 1st, Ted Harmon, McCormick; 2nd, Parks Wilson, Due West; 3rd, Henry Erwin, Anteville.

Shoe Race—1st, Barron Agnew, Due West; 2nd, Curtis Williams, Anteville; 3rd, Preston Cowan, Anteville.

Three-legged race—1st, Joe Cole and Frank Lee Young, Due West; 2nd, Kempton Billings and Arthur Klugh, Abbeville; 3rd, George Gray and Elmore Suber, Anteville.

Sack Race for Girls—1st, Leila Means, Abbeville; 2nd, Mary Jackson, Prosperity.

Sack race for Boys—1st, Thomas Cason, Abbeville; 2nd, James Ferguson, Anteville.

Relay Race—1st, Ted Harmon, Wilbur and Fred Patterson, McCormick; 2nd, Harold Pruitt, Arthur Brooks, and Paul Agnew, Due West; 3rd, Henry Erwin, Elmore Suber and Leslie Knox, Anteville.

Shot Put—1st, Wilbur Smith, McCormick; 2nd, Joe Cole, Due West; 3rd, George Gray, Anteville.

100 yard dash—1st, Wilbur Smith, McCormick; 2nd, Kempton Billings, Abbeville; 3rd, Henry Erwin, Anteville.

Running High Jump—1st, Parks Wilson, Due West; 2nd, Carl Suber, Anteville; 3rd, Wilbur Smith, McCormick.

Running Broad Jump—1st, Parks Wilson, Due West; 2nd, Wilbur Smith, McCormick; 3rd, Maxwell Smith, Abbeville.

Baseball Throwing for boys under 16 years—1st, Howard Agnew, Due West; 2nd, Frank Gary, Abbeville.

Baseball throwing for boys over 16 years—1st, Joe Cole, Due West; 2nd, Wilbur Smith, McCormick; 3rd, Henry Bell, Anteville.

1 mile race—1st, Fred Patterson, McCormick; 2nd, Paul Agnew, Due West.

WASHINGTON WILL NOT WITHDRAW TROOPS YET

Washington, April 23.—Besides a formal announcement today that President Wilson has approved a plan for the redistribution of the American troops in Mexico there was a plain intimation tonight that the Washington government had determined to maintain a military status quo beyond the border until the Mexican de facto government had demonstrated its ability to capture or crush Villa and his adherents and prevent repetitions of the Columbus raid.

In the interim it is understood the American troops will be so placed as to safeguard the border towns by virtually policing the area south of the line where Gen. Carranza has been heretofore unable to check bandit operations.

Secretary Baker announced the approval of the redistribution plan after consulting with the president today over a joint report submitted by Maj. Gen. Funston and Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff, in conference on the border. The plan was proposed by Gen. Funston and concurred in by Gen. Scott.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

Mrs. W. A. Calvert gave a very delightful porch party last Thursday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. Philip Cromer, who was in Abbeville on a visit to Mrs. Frank Nickles. A congenial party of friends gathered and spent the time in conversation and enjoying the refreshments of salads that were served. Mrs. Arthur Ellis, who is here on a visit from New Orleans, was also a guest and added much to the lively conversation.

GOING TO THE SPRINGS.

Mr. J. M. Anderson and Mr. Grier Sherard, Miss Louise Watson and Miss Evie Lazenby went over to Harris Springs last week and took in the sights at the big hotel, at Cross Hill and at Coronaca.

PRESS COMMENT ON WILSON NOTE

WILSON'S STAND FOR HUMANITY
LAUDED IN FRANCE AND
PRAISED GENERALLY

Paris, April 21.—Comment of the French press on President Wilson's address to congress may be summed up in these words, which the Petit Parisien prints, in large type, as a heading over the text of the speech.

"Never has the head of a state pronounced such grave words against a state with which it was not at war."

The president's address has made a deep impression in France. All the newspapers give it the place of honor. It overshadows the British cabinet crisis, and even the arrival of Russian forces at Marseilles. The speech is not merely a formal injunction, the Petit Parisien says; it is a closely-knit and stern indictment, pronounced in the name of all neutrals "against German barbarity and duplicity, marking the German government with a brand which nothing can efface."

The Matin characterizes the address as epoch-making and continues:

"When the responsible and almost sovereign head of 100,000,000 free citizens mounts the rostrum in congress to declare 'we are the spokesmen of the rights of humanity,' he has performed an act of immense moral importance. It is in the name of legality that this statesman, having behind him the country on which the whole world depends, declares before the whole world: 'We will not tolerate injustice.'"

"In these few words his whole message is summed up. It is an historical event, which is deserving of our admiration as one of the noblest acts in the memory of mankind."

"Recalls Greatest Days." Stephen Pichon, former foreign minister, says in the Petit Journal that the firmness and solemnity with which Mr. Wilson made known his resolution to congress recalls the greatest days of American history. He continues:

"Whether or not the Germans disavow the action of their submarines, they are caught in their own trap, and all their presumption falls to the ground before the calm and resolute attitude of a great country standing up for the rights of humanity."

Under the heading, "Germans Confronted With an Honest Man," Jean Herbert, one of the leading French authorities on international politics, says:

"The German government must be surprised to find itself face to face with the only force of which it is ignorant—conscience. If Germany gives in it would be an unforgettable humiliation, for it would be the triumph of that ideal of justice and liberty against which Germany went to war. The sinking of a few ships, more or less, would not affect German interests greatly, but how could Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg mention Belgium and Poland as 'pledges' in his peace programs if the submarine, that other disloyally acquired weapon, had been knocked out of his hand by a champion of the right? The rulers open a breach in the fortress of their iniquities."

Suggests All Neutrals Join Hands With the United States.

The Hague, via London, April 21.—The newspapers of Holland devote considerable space to discussions of and speculations on the situation created by the American note to Germany. The Nieuwe Courant says President Wilson evidently has come to the conclusion "that behind the torpedoes by German submarines, there is a system imposed by high authorities."

The newspaper thinks that a rupture of relations between Germany and the United States would hurt all belligerents and says that neutrals would deeply regret it should the greatest neutral find itself unable to continue as the head of their interests. It recalls the great mediatory services rendered by the United States, such as in the treatment of interned prisoners and through the Red Cross—"splendid work to which thousands owe their lives and health."

It asks how Belgian relief measures could be continued in the event of a rupture.

"Whatever one may think of President Wilson and his endless hesitating notes," says the Amsterdam Handelsblad, "few will deny that while seeking to avoid war he always strove to do what was right and just."

The Handelsblad thinks that for Holland a rupture between the United States and Germany would likely aggravate the situation and bring forth fresh troubles and complications and possibly still greater difficulties for Holland securing food supplies.

"Why should not Holland and the other neutrals," says the Handelsblad "join America's laudable endeavors and enhance the results of them? Will the result of the inquiry into the sinking of the Tubantia and Palembang give our government an opportunity to express strongly the national wishes regarding submarine war, which wishes are so identical in

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